

**The Sermon on the Mount - Lesson 2**  
**Matthew 5:5-7**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance characteristics of a follower of God.

Intro:

1. Today we will continue looking at the proper attitudes of a follower of God.
2. The characteristics mentioned here belong to those who will be blessed by God.

I. Blessed are the meek (v.5)

- A. Meek or meekness can also be described as humble.
  1. Christians are to be humble – the humble submit to God.
  2. **James 4:10** – God will care for the humble.
- B. They are not concerned with the possessions of this world be only with pleasing God.
  1. The materialistic will be humbled by God – **Luke 12:20**
  2. **Matt 6:33** – the meek/unselfish put God first.
- C. With this attitude they inherit the earth
  1. Simply meaning they will be able to enjoy this earth more.
  2. They are focused on perhaps saving souls rather than gaining wealth.

II. Blessed are those (v.6)

- A. “who hunger and thirst after righteousness”
  1. To hunger and thirst after righteousness means to live in the knowledge of God and His Word (**Pro 1:2-5**).
  2. They desire to do so in order to be more effective workers for God (**2 Tim 2:15**).
- B. “they shall be filled”
  1. Those who truly “hunger and thirst” after the Word of God will be filled- they will gain knowledge about God.
  2. In doing so they will be filled- they will learn more about Him (**Heb 5:14b**).

III. Blessed (v.7)

- A. “are the merciful”
  1. The merciful are those who will forgive those who have done them wrong.
  2. It is a basic characteristic of a Christian to forgive (**Matt 6:12a**)
- B. “for they shall obtain mercy”
  1. God will only forgive our debts (sins) when we forgive others (**Matt 6:12, 14-15**)
  2. To be merciful means to accept that everyone at some point makes mistakes, everyone has fallen short of the glory of God (**Rom 3:23**).

Conc:

1. What about you? Are you meek, do you hunger & thirsty after righteousness, are you merciful?
2. Full Invitation